

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Richardson

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Victoria Hope, the organist of the First Christian Church in Noblesville and significant contributor to her community in both time and service.

Whereas, Ms. Hope has been the organist of the First Christian Church since 1967;

Whereas, Victoria was born in Arcadia and graduated from Arcadia High School where she received the Balfour Award for outstanding citizenship achievement;

Whereas, Victoria's ancestors have been residents of Hamilton County Indiana since 1837, making her a true pioneer descendant;

Whereas, Victoria began piano lessons when she was seven years old with the encouragement of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mosbaugh;



Whereas, at the age of 12, she became the pianist for the Junior Choir of the Arcadia Christian Church;

Whereas, on July 7, 1935, Victoria Mosbaugh was married to Donald Davis Hope in the First Christian Church of Noblesville;

Whereas, "Tory" as she is known to most, began organ lessons in Indianapolis in 1948;

Whereas, from 1968-1971, she studied pipe organ with Wilson LaQuire, organist of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis;

Whereas, Tory taught piano and organ to as many as 30 students for many years. She still hears from students to this day;

Whereas, Tory played for the first recital ever given by world renowned opera singer Michel Sylvester, a Noblesville native;

Whereas, Tory and her husband started the Cicero Canning Factory enabling them to provide support for many community efforts; eventually, they were asked by the government to support the war effort by providing canned tomatoes for troops overseas;

Whereas, Tory and Donald's home in Arcadia, having been lovingly restored in 1957, has been nominated for inclusion on the National Register;

Whereas, Victoria makes her relationship with Jesus Christ a priority and as a result she is blessed with the spiritual gift of service; through this gift she has tirelessly served her Lord and her community in several capacities as described below;

Whereas, Ms. Hope is a Charter member of the Cicero Book Club, which was formed in 1936;

Whereas, Tory was instrumental in the restoration of the



Depot and Museum in Arcadia and has been president of the Heritage Center, a board organized to preserve the heritage of the community, since 1972;

Whereas, Tory is a lifetime member of Phi Beta Psi Sorority and played the seven manual pipe organ in "Little Church Around the Corner" in New York City for a Phi Beta National Convention;

Whereas, Tory is a Past Grand Musician of the International Order of Eastern Star and played at the International Peace Gardens on the U.S. - Canadian border in 1963 during a program of music promoting peace;

Whereas, she is a member of the Hamilton County Historical Society, the American Guild of Organists and the Arcadia Study Club;

Whereas, in 1977 Tory was named to "Who's Who of American Women" and was included in the Notable American Award Book in 1976-77 in recognition of past achievements and outstanding service to community, state and nation;

Whereas, Tory was elected Jackson Township Trustee in 1986 filling a post held by her husband prior to his death. She continued in this office until her retirement in 2000;

Whereas, Tory played for Lincoln Day Dinners and the Federation of Republican Women's Affairs; and

Whereas, Tory has one child, Erin Dee Pesavento, one grandchild, Nicole Hope Meyer, and two great-granddaughters, Claire and Lydia Meyer; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Victoria Hope for her lifetime of service to her community and upon her many accomplishments.



SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives is directed to transmit one copy of this resolution to State Representative Kathy Richardson.

